

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings or versions thereof:

1. (Currently amended) A method for treating inflammation ~~or immune disease~~ in a subject comprising:

 (a) administering to the subject a pharmacologically active amount of an ethanol extract of a *Tripterygium wilfordii* Hook F root preparation, the preparation having anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressive pharmacological activity wherein said method provides a steroid-sparing effect; and

 (b) administering to the subject a steroid in an amount less than capable of providing pharmacological activity in the absence of the *Tripterygium wilfordii* Hook F root preparation.
- 2-3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the preparation comprises triptolide.
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the pharmacologically active amount of *Tripterygium wilfordii* Hook F root preparation is about 60 mg/day.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[6]]~~1 wherein the steroid is prednisone.
- 8-39. (Canceled)